(a) how many Helicopters are owned by the Helicopter Corporation of India;

(b) whether Government had appointed a Committee to go into the technical feasibility and airworthiness of the Helicopters owned by Helicopter Corporation of India;

(c) whether the Committee has submitted its report and what are its findings; and

(d) if so, what are the action on the findings of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Helicopter Corporation of India, subsequently renamed as Pawan Hans Limited presently owns 19 Dauphin, 1 Bell 206L4, and 2 Robinson R-44 helicopters besides 19 Westland helicopters which have been grounded since February, 1991.

(b) to (d) A Committee was appointed under chairmanship of Dr. S.A. Hussainy, Director, Technical Development & Production (Air), Ministry of Defence, to review the safety and operational aspects of Westland helicopters. The report of the Committee has been made available to Parliament Library *vide* Index No. 629-13252/NO.

The findings/recommendations of Dr. Hussainy Committee Report were studies by a Sub- Committee appointed by the D.G.C.A. and based on recommendations of this Sub-Committee, the entire fleet of Westland helicopters has been grounded with effect from 9-2-1991(AN).

Foreign exchange earned and spent by Airlines

2153. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIALTION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) how much foreign exchange went out of the country through the Foreign Airlines during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st December, 1994 (Airlines-wise); and

(b) how much foreign exchange was earned by Air India during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Foreign Exchange earning of Air India during April-December, 1994 was Rs. 577.19 crores.

Air service at lower rates

2154. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider having a "no-frills" air service at lower cost to the public;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is such service in other countries;

(c) whether Government have studied this potential; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) It is for individual airlines to market the kinds of services they wish to provide in their commercial judgement.

Development of Tourism Spot at Pauri

2155. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have any plan for the year 1995-96 to develop more tourism development centres in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that State Government of Uttar Pradesh have submitted their representation to the Union Government regarding development of Tourism Spot/Centre at Pauri, a hilly district of Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to State Governments/Union